

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A computerized game system, comprising:  
a racing field formed on a predetermined board;  
a physical running model, to which an inherent ability parameter varying in accordance with a given environment is assigned, caused to run a race on the racing field,  
wherein the racing field comprises a plurality of tracks concurrently existing on said board on ~~in~~ which the running model runs based on a current ability parameter, in accordance with the respective tracks; and

a physical passageway formed between the plurality of concurrently existing tracks so that the running model can enter and exit between the tracks, and the same running model can run ~~on~~ in races on the plurality of tracks,

wherein said ability parameter is changed according to a movement of the running model from one of said plurality of tracks to another of said plurality of tracks through the physical passageway.

2. (previously presented): The game system of claim 1, wherein one of the tracks is a region maintained so that the running model performs steady running in which a current ability parameter of the running model is maximized, and the other one of the tracks is a region formed so as to obstruct the steady running.

3. (previously presented): The game system of claim 1, wherein one of the tracks is a flat region maintained not to obstruct the running of the running model, and the other one of the tracks is a region in which obstacles are arranged on part of a track on which the running model runs.

4. (previously presented): The game system of claim 1, wherein one of the tracks is a region simulating a turf course, and the other one of the tracks is a region simulating a dirt course in which soil is exposed.

5. (canceled).

6. (previously presented): The game system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of tracks form concentric racing courses.

7. (canceled).

8. (currently amended): A computerized game system, comprising:  
a racing field formed on a predetermined board;  
a physical running model, to which an inherent ability parameter varying in accordance with a given environment is assigned, caused to run a race on the racing field,  
wherein the racing field comprises a plurality of tracks concurrently existing on said board which provide the running model with variable factors of the ability parameter, the variable factors differing in accordance with running of the running model on ~~in~~ the respective tracks; and

a physical passageway formed between the plurality of tracks so that the running model can enter and exit between the tracks, and the same running model can run ~~on~~ in races on the plurality of tracks,

wherein said ability parameter is changed according to a movement of the running model from one of said plurality of tracks to another of said plurality of tracks through the physical passageway.

9. (previously presented): The game system of claim 8, wherein one of the tracks is a region maintained so that the running model performs steady running in which a current ability parameter of the running model is maximized, and the other one of the tracks is a region formed so as to obstruct the steady running.

10. (previously presented): The game system of claim 8, wherein one of the tracks is a flat region maintained not to obstruct the running of the running model, and the other one of the tracks is a region in which obstacles are arranged on part of a track on which the running model runs.

11. (previously presented): The game system of claim 8, wherein one of the tracks is a region simulating a turf course, and the other one of the tracks is a region simulating a dirt course in

which soil is exposed.

12. (canceled).

13. (previously presented) The game system of claim 8, wherein the plurality of tracks form concentric racing courses.

14. (canceled).

15. (currently amended) A computerized game system, comprising:  
a racing field formed on a predetermined board;  
a plurality of physical running models, to each of which an inherent ability parameter varying in accordance with a given environment is assigned, caused to run a race on the racing field,

wherein the racing field comprises a plurality of tracks concurrently presented on said board on in which each of the running models runs based on a current ability parameter in accordance with the respective tracks, whereby each of the running models is provided with variable factors of the ability parameter, the variable factors differing in accordance with running of each of the running models; and

a physical passageway formed between the plurality of tracks so that the running model can enter and exit between the tracks, and the same running model can run ~~on~~ in races on the plurality of tracks,

wherein said ability parameter is changed according to a movement of the running model from one of said plurality of tracks to another of said plurality of tracks through the physical passageway.

16. (previously presented). The game system of claim 15, wherein one of the tracks is a region maintained so that the running model performs steady running in which a current ability parameter of the running model is maximized, and the other one of the tracks is a region formed so as to obstruct the steady running.

17. (previously presented): The game system of claim 15, wherein one of the tracks is a flat region maintained not to obstruct the running of the running model, and the other one of the tracks

is a region in which obstacles are arranged on part of a track on which the running model runs.

18. (previously presented): The game system of claim 15, wherein one of the tracks is a region simulating a turf course, and the other one of the tracks is a region simulating a dirt course in which soil is exposed.

19. (canceled).

20. (previously presented): The game system of claim 15, wherein the plurality of tracks form concentric racing courses.

21. (canceled).

22. (previously presented): A computerized game system for holding a race by causing a running image, to which an inherent ability parameter whose value varies in accordance with a given environment is assigned, to run a race on an electronically-formed racing field image, wherein

the racing field comprises a plurality of tracks in which the result of processing the current ability parameter using processes differing in accordance with the respective tracks is reflected, the tracks providing the running image with variable factors of the ability parameter, the variable factors differing in accordance with running of the running image, and wherein

one of the tracks is a region simulating a turf course, the other one of the tracks is a region simulating a dirt course in which soil is exposed, in which the condition of the turf in the track simulating the turf course and the condition of the soil in the track simulating the dirt course can be adjusted.

23. (original) The game system of claim 22, further comprising a game value adding device which adds a game value in accordance with a result of the race.

24. (new): The game system of claim 1, wherein each track has a different surface.

25. (new): The game system of claim 8, wherein each track has a different surface.

26. (new): The game system of claim 15, wherein each track has a different surface.